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August 6, 2021

Mr. Rian S. Riche  
Shell Offshore Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Riche:

By letter dated March 29, 2021, and supplemental letters dated July 22 and 26, 2021, Shell Offshore Inc. (Shell) requests approval of a Suspension of Production (SOP) for the Mississippi Canyon (MC) Block 525 Unit, Agreement No. 754317003. The unit consists of portions of Leases OCS-G 31507, 31513, 33161 and 33163, from depths below 18,000 feet SSTVD down to and including 50,000 feet SSTVD, and was held by an SOP through March 31, 2021.

Shell continues to progress the subsea systems and host preparation activities required to tie back the initial development wells to the host facility and commence MC Block 525 Unit production.

In accordance with Articles IX, XVI, and XVII of the Unit Agreement and 30 CFR 250.174(a), an SOP and a revised activity schedule for the MC Block 525 Unit are hereby approved from April 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022. Shell is expected to follow the enclosed SOP activity schedule and must notify this office in writing (progress report) by the end of each month in which a deadline is scheduled. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Imran Vahora at (504) 736-2664 or [imran.vahora@bsee.gov](mailto:imran.vahora@bsee.gov).

Sincerely,

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